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IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Shahoumian et al.

Confirmation No.:

Application No.: 10/623,444

Examiner:

Filing Date: July 18, 2003

Group Art Unit: 2123

Title: METHOD FOR DETERMINING PLACEMENT OF COMPONENTS IN RACK

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

(X) Preliminary Amendment Petition to extend time to respond
() New fee as calculated below Supplemental Declaration
(X) No additional fee (Address envelope to "Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment")
() Other: _____ (fee \$ _____)

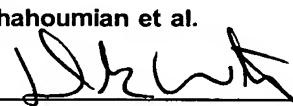
CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	33	MINUS	33	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	4	= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$290	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

Charge \$ 0 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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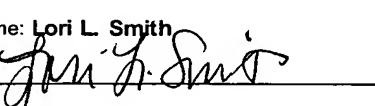
Respectfully submitted,

Shahoumian et al.

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Dear Sir/Madame:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment.